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DIARY NOTES

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1. Inasmuch as Mr. Campbell, the Comptroller General, is personally coming to our briefing next Thursday, 30 July 1959, at 2:00 p.m., the Director has agreed to preside and participate.

2. George Carey, Assistant Director for Operations, telephoned to say that Dr. [REDACTED] who wanted to make the Director's letter public, had agreed to forget the matter and the case was now closed.

3. Bob Amory asked me to speak for a few minutes at the Reserve Officers' Meeting which begins at 1730 hours on 8 September 1959 and I accepted.

4. I attended a luncheon for Lieutenant General Frederic H. Smith, Jr., who is to be the new Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Air Forces Europe. During the course of the luncheon the subject of helicopters came up and General Cabell said he assumed that we would have a heliport at the new building. I told him that while this was not yet in the contract we did plan to have a heliport eventually.

5. The Director advised me that Mr. Stevens⁶ of the White House had called him to say that the President wanted very much to lay the cornerstone for our new building but that he did not prefer to do it on Saturday. The Director asked me to explore the possibility of having the ceremony late on a Friday afternoon. I have asked [REDACTED] to look into this with Public Buildings Service, the contractor, etc.

6. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he had just finished meeting with [REDACTED] concerning the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said that he was now satisfied that an arrangement with the [REDACTED] would not be satisfactory and that [REDACTED] appeared to be the only solution. He has now reviewed the [REDACTED] contract with [REDACTED] and said that if he could have that kind of a contract there would be no problem. I told him to go ahead and see what he could work out along these lines.

7. [REDACTED] were in to brief me on the status of the Health Bill. Apparently we have three alternatives: first, to let the Bill go through as is, which would not mention us specifically; second, request an exemption from the Bill, in which case we probably could set up a comparable system within the Agency; or third, request that a special subsection be incorporated in the Bill allowing us to set up our own plan. We agreed that the latter would be preferable although it would have certain complications inasmuch as we would have to coordinate our plan with the Civil Service Commission. I asked for a brief memorandum on this subject which I could take up at the Deputies' Meeting Monday morning.

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